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Appointment to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, provide as follows:

"**Article 2**

"1. The Unit shall consist of not more than eleven Inspectors, chosen from among members of national supervision or inspection bodies, or from among persons of a similar competence on the basis of their special experience in national or international administrative and financial matters, including management questions. The Inspectors shall serve in their personal capacity.

"2. No two Inspectors shall be nationals of the same State.

"**Article 3**

"1. Starting from the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, the President of the General Assembly shall consult with Member States to draw up, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and of reasonable rotation, a list of countries which would be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1, above.

"2. The President of the General Assembly, through appropriate consultations, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination], shall review the qualifications of the proposed candidates. After further consultations, if necessary, with the States concerned, the President of the General Assembly shall submit the list of candidates to the

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Assembly for appointment.

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"**Article 4**

"1. The duration of the appointments of the Inspectors shall be five years, renewable for one further term ...".

2. At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly, by its decision 57/416 of 6 June 2003, appointed one member to the Joint Inspection Unit for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2004 and expiring on 31 December 2008. As at 1 January 2004, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed of the following 11 members:

Ms. Doris Bertrand-Muck (Austria)**

Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)***

Mr. Ion Gorita (Romania)**

Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama (Japan)*

Mr. Wolfgang M. Münch (Germany)**

Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouédraogo (Burkina Faso)**

Mr. Tang Guanging (China)***

Mr. Christopher Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago)****

Mr. Victor Vislykh (Russian Federation)***

Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)***

Mr Muhammad Yussuf (United Republic of Tanzania)***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2007.

**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

3. Since the term of office of Ms. Doris Bertrand-Muck and Mr. Ion Gorita, Wolfgang M. Münch and Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouédraogo will expire on 31 December 2005, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its fifty-ninth session, to appoint four persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 2006.

4. Following the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute, the President of the General Assembly will determine the countries that will be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1.

5. After holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statue, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the President of the General Assembly will submit the names of the candidates to the Assembly for appointment.